

FY 61

SR/DOB/601 1930

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, FI

SUBJECT: Project AEDEPOT Renewal

1. The attached project provides for a trained cadre of agents who could be utilized during a period of reinforced alert or during actual hostilities against the Soviet Union in accordance with the Clandestine Services War Preparation. It is submitted for renewal for the period 1 July 1960 - 30 June 1961.

2. Authority is requested to obligate \$ 84,000.00 from the DD/P-SR Division budget for FY 61, subject to the availability of funds.

3. Attached is the Renewal Request with previous project actions.

Chief, SR/DOB

SR/COP

Chief, SR

Date

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PROJECT OUTLINE

CRYPTONYM AEDEPOT

HEADQUARTERS CASE OFFICER:

AREA DIVISION SR

ROOM NO. 1052 J

STATION Domestic Operations Base

EXTENSION 8331

DATE 7 April 1960

The attached project outline is presented for renewal.

CONCURRENCES:

_____ Chief, SR/DOB

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_____ SR/COP

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_____ Chief, SR Division

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DATE OF APPROVAL

PROJECT OUTLINE

CRYPTONYM AEDEPOT

PART I

1. AREA OF OPERATIONS

- a. Domestic

2. PURPOSE

- a. The AEDEPOT Program is a part of the CIA unconventional warfare activities being undertaken by SR/DOB specifically to prepare timely support for the military forces in anticipation of open hostilities against the Soviet Union.

3. BACKGROUND

- a. The project was initiated in 1956 as Project AEREADEY, registered Top Secret #147212 and assigned the file number 74-132-20. Its first amendment dated 3 December 1956 authorized assignment of three enlisted men in support.

- b. The project was renewed for FY 58 on 13 January 1957 and amendment #2 authorized the purchase of three U. S. Army vehicles on 24 October 1957.

- c. The project was renewed for FY 59 and its cryptonym was changed to AEDEPOT and its classification was downgraded to SECRET.

4. REFERENCES

- a. DD/P memo dated 22 December 1955 "Clandestine Services War Preparation."

- b. "CIA Criteria for Determination of Wartime Military Requirements for Clandestine Operations" (TS #109734).

- c. SR/DOB Project AEACRE for FY 61.

5. OBJECTIVES

a. The objective of Project AEDEPOT is to recruit, train and hold externally, select personnel who would be ready for dispatch to designated targets at the direction of the DCI in the event open hostilities seem imminent.

6. TARGETS

a. The project is predominantly FI in character, which is predicated on a consideration of current JCS intelligence requirements.

b. Currently, sixty-three targets in SR area of interest have been levied on SR/DOB in accordance with memo dated 18 September 1958 from CPP to C/SR, subject "Revised U/W Requirements" with five attachments as follows:

- (1) Revised CINCEUR U/W Areas in Baltic States and USSR
- (2) PPC Analysis of EUCOM Requirements Categories
- (3) Revised CINCPAC U/W Areas
- (4) PPC Analysis of CINCPAC Requirements Priorities
- (5) Revised CINCAL U/W Areas.

These U/W requirements have been accepted but no commitments to the above mentioned targets will be made using such assets for U/W purposes until they are fully developed and according to the priorities as expressed by proper authority.

7. TASKS

a. Each target is assumed to be an area of approximately 25 miles in radius around the designated coordinates. Each target area could be normally satisfactorily covered by a team of three agents, i.e., a leader to protect the U. S. Government interests, a former national of the target area who would establish contact with resistance potential and a competent W/T radio operator to provide communications. However, one fully developed agent alone may be qualified to perform all the functions in certain target areas. The mission for each team or solo agent will be:

- (1) To be prepared for immediate commitment;

- (2) To report operational intelligence;
- (3) To refrain from overt and direct acts of sabotage and raids which may unduly expose its members (or himself if solo) to capture;
- (4) To organize, support, and advise indigenous friendlies in U/W through their leaders;
- (5) To provide in certain categories and some instances such support and turnover of responsibilities to Special Forces as directed by proper authority;
- (6) To assist in the development of an E&E capability;
- (7) To perform any mission directed by proper authority.
- (8) To perform current missions of an operational nature;
- (9) To assist and support other operating divisions in their hot-war programs.

8. PERSONNEL

a. Agent candidates selected for this training are predominately Soviet Bloc nationals, who are now naturalized U. S. citizens or who intend to apply for citizenship. Each agent candidate is assigned a pseudonym to be used in his relationship with the U. S. Government (for contracting); an alias to be used in his relationship with his associates while in training; and, unbeknown to him, he is assigned a cryptonym (AEDEFOT--numerical order) upon his successful completion of the 16 week basic training course.

b. Recruitment of agent candidates is performed by any secure means available and is based on all four of the following factors:

- (1) potential ability to perform tasks involved;
- (2) motivation;
- (3) unquestionable loyalty;
- (4) voluntary acceptance.

9. OPERATIONAL and/or SECURITY CLEARANCE

a. Due to the security aspects of this program, POA's are issued by Headquarters prior to contacting prospective agent candidates for assessment and recruitment. Initial recruiting and assessment phases are usually performed under the cover of U. S. Government officials seeking translators and/or consultants because of their specific area knowledge or language background.

b. All Agency personnel deal with the agents under alias.

c. The training activities are under the cover of the U. S. Army Materiel Testing Unit (8723).

10. CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION

a. During the recruiting phase the candidates maintain contact with an SR/DOB/SA&E case officer in alias through a Washington, D. C. accommodation address and an unlisted sterile telephone number.

b. During the training phase the trainees communicate with their next-of-kin through an accommodation address in nearby Maryland.

c. During the holding phase the graduates communicate with the project officer through a Washington, D. C., post office box and a sterile telephone number. They are instructed not to maintain contact with each other after graduation regarding association with the program.

11. CONTROL AND MOTIVATION

a. Each candidate is evaluated to determine at least one good reason why he would want to participate in this program. Individuals whose families have been persecuted by communist rulers or who display a particular desire for revenge, or immigrants who are particularly appreciative of the benefits they have received in this country, are generally adequately motivated to perform clandestine duties against the Soviet Union and for the U. S. Individuals who appear to be soldiers-of-fortune or of a mercenary nature may still be acceptable candidates when it is determined that they are genuinely sincere in being willing to perform their duties under the terms of the contract. During the assessment their loyalty is determined by every means available and their participation is on a strictly voluntary basis.

b. Each candidate who is accepted is required to sign a secrecy agreement and a contract which defines his obligations for the specified period and explains his remuneration and benefits authorized. An additional contract is again signed in pseudonym by the successful graduates to continue the mutual relationship as reservists.

12. EQUIPMENT AND SUPPORT

a. Facilities, equipment and messing is provided at U. S. Army installations under PASCO-57.

b. Additional supplies and support are provided by SR/DOB/Logistics under Station Support funds.

c. OTR furnishes instructor personnel, training material and such facilities that are adaptable to the program.

d. Services and technical equipment are provided by the Office of Communications on a continuing basis. Other Agency offices contribute on an on-call basis.

13. COORDINATION

a. This project originated in Headquarters and is being implemented by the Domestic Operations Base solely within the areas of interest of the SR Division.

b. Since its inception, this project's activities have been coordinated with other offices on a need-to-know basis in acquiring necessary support, and liaison has been maintained in areas of mutual interest.

14. TIMETABLE

a. To date, forty-four agents have been given the basic phase of training and are under contract as reservists to take annual two-week refresher courses and to be available for commitment when called during a period of alert.

b. For FY 61 Class VII is expected to commence on 31 July 1960 with 12 trainees, graduating 19 November 1960. Class VIII, with 12 trainees will begin on 29 January 1961 and end on 20 May 1961. Refresher training for 56 graduates of Classes I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VII is scheduled for the period 11-24 June 1961.

PART II

15. ESTIMATED COST

a. It is requested that funds in the amount of \$84,000 be allocated to continue Project AEDEPOT for FY 61.

b. It is estimated that agent costs will include:

1. Salaries of Agents

Twenty-four agents @ \$500.00 monthly average for a period of four months	\$48,000.00
Forty-four agents (Classes 1-2-3-4-5-6) average \$250.00 for two week reserve training	11,000.00
Total Salaries	<u>\$59,000.00</u>

2. Travel

Twenty-four agents @ \$125.00 per round trip	3,000.00
Forty-four agents (Classes 1-2-3-4-5-6) round trip travel for two week reservist duty @ \$125 per	5,500.00
Emergency travel	1,000.00
Total Travel	<u>9,500.00</u>

3. Holding Admin Costs

Forty-four agents (Classes I - VI) @ \$50.00 per quarter - full year	8,800.00
Twelve agents (Class VII) @ \$50.00 per quarter - half year	1,200.00
Total Holding	<u>10,000.00</u>

4. Resettlement

Six agents - One Month Salary	3,000.00
(Note: It is unlikely that this number will need such compensation but is provided for against such exigency)	

5. Commo Equipment

Twenty-four Instructographs for graduates @ \$41.23 each Approx. 1,000.00

6. Miscellaneous

Military and/or Agency aircraft @ \$100.00 per hour for 15 hours	<u>1,500.00</u>
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All Costs Total	<u>\$84,000.00</u>
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PROJECT AEDEPOT
COMMUNICATIONS ANNEX

I INTRODUCTION

A. Description

1. AEDEPOT is a SR/7/DOB project with the objective of providing trained cadre of Agent W/T Operator/Cryptographers for utilization during periods of reinforced alert or during hostilities with the Soviet Union.

B. Purpose

1. The purpose of this annex is to outline the support required from the Office of Communications in the accomplishment of this objective.

C. Status

1. Communications training for the first Class of AEDEPOT trainees was initiated on 6 March 1957. Since that time, Classes 2 and 3 have completed their training and Class 4 is scheduled to complete their training in May 1959. One group of trainees were given supervised refresher training in June 1958.

2. The following program is scheduled for fiscal year 1960:

(a) Refresher training in July 1959 for graduates of Classes I, II and III.

(b) Basic Communications training for maximum of 12 trainees (Class V) is expected to commence on 2 August 1959 and end 21 November 1959.

(c) Basic Communications training for a maximum of 12 trainees (Class VI) is expected to commence on 31 January 1960 and end 21 May 1960.

II COMMUNICATIONS SUPPORT

A. Circuits and Equipment

1. Sufficient Agent training equipment is on hand to conduct training for a maximum of 12 students in any one class. If any AEDEPOT class exceeds this number, additional training equipment will be required.

2. All Communications training including on-the-air contacts will be conducted within the AEDEPOT training area and will not require the support of the U. S. Base Station.

B. Personnel

The Office of Communications will provide two training officers to conduct the initial training and the refresher training for the AEDEPOT classes

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throughout the fiscal year 1960. However, if any AEDEPOT class exceeds 15 in number of trainees, one additional ceiling position in the Office of Communications will be required to provide a third Communications training officer. Also, inasmuch as the Covert Training Staff of the Office of Communications is presently operating at full capacity, the AEDEPOT training may be subject to delay if the DD/P should levy higher priority requirements on the OC Covert Training Unit.

C. Training

1. Initial Training

- (a) Although AEDEPOT I and II each received six months Basic Communications Training, future courses for AEDEPOT III and thereafter were reduced to a total of 320 hours (four months) of scheduled Communications Training. Although this shorter course will not provide sufficient time to fully qualify the trainees as Agent W/T Operators, it will provide an excellent evaluation of their capabilities and a means of selecting the best qualified students for additional training and for screening out those with limited capabilities. It is estimated that a minimum of 80 hours of additional training will be required to qualify those trainees in AEDEPOT III and subsequent classes as Agent W/T Operators.

2. Refresher Training

In order to maintain the proficiency of the AEDEPOT trainees until such time as their services are required, the Office of Communications will be required to conduct a two to four weeks refresher training program each year. At present the trainees can be handled as a group, however this may be altered somewhat if it is deemed more advisable for the graduates to receive refresher training in ethnological groups. This is due to the difference in Basic Training courses and the proficiency of each trainee upon returning for refresher training. In due time additional training officers will be required to handle the refresher training as the amount of trainees receiving the training will increase by a maximum of 24 each year.

III COMMUNICATIONS LOGISTIC SUPPORT DATA

A. Personnel

Paragraph II, B refers.

B. Equipment

Present training equipment being used is sufficient to meet the requirements during the FY 1960, as outlined in paragraph I, C, 2.

C. Finance

No additional funds are requested to support the Communications Training during the FY 1960.

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IV SPECIAL COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

A. Agent communications assessment and training will be provided in accordance with CSI F No 10-5, OC 58-295 and FR 90-100. Issuance of the RS-6 agent radio equipment to trainees with POA's during the earlier part of the Basic Training is authorized for the AEDEPOT Training. Issue of Cryptographic materials and training will not take place unless all trainees possess an OA clearance.

B. Cover and other non-communications support will be provided by the SR Division for Communications personnel assigned to this project.

C. Communications support to this project is subject to revision in view of changing requirements. Major changes constituting an amendment to the basic plan will require a corresponding amendment to the Communications Annex.

D. Operational mounting of AEDEPOT trainees will require separate Sub-projects with additional Communications Annexes as required.

V IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION

A. Implementation of the communications support to this project on the part of the Office of Communications will take place subsequent to receipt of written notice of project approval by appropriate authority.

B. Administration of the communications support to this project will be the responsibility of the Telecommunications, Training and Techniques Staff, Office of Communications.

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